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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF PRESIDENT CORNISH,
525 MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 26, 1918, AT 8 P. M.

The Minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved, as printed in the PUBLICATIONS of February, 1917, without reading by the Secretary.

The following Report of the Donohoe Comet-Medal Committee was read and approved:

REPORT OF THE COMET-MEDAL COMMITTEE

MOUNT HAMILTON, January 22, 1918.

Only three comets were observed during the year 1917; two of these were unexpected, and the third, Encke's, was a periodic comet.

1917a—Unexpected comet discovered by John E. Mellish, Leetonia, Ohio, on March 19, 1917. Announcement of the discovery was not cabled to the southern hemisphere, and the comet was independently discovered at Johannesburg, South Africa, April 14 (civil time), at Wellington, New Zealand, and at Melbourne, Australia, on the morning of April 18 (civil time).

1917b—Unexpected comet discovered by M. Alexandre Schaumasse, at Nice, France, on April 18.

1917c—Encke's periodic comet observed at Hamburg by R. Schorr on December 30, 1917. The object observed for Encke's comet by Dr. Max Wolf on September 14, is probably a minor planet, and has been provisionally designated C. P.

In accordance with the statutes the Donohoe Comet-Medal has been awarded for the discoveries of Comets *a* and *b*.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON THE COMET-MEDAL:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
HEBER D. CURTIS.

(NINETY-FIRST) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Mr. John E. Mellish, of Leetonia, Ohio, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on March 19, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON THE COMET-MEDAL:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
HEBER D. CURTIS.

(NINETY-SECOND) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to M. Alexandre Schaumasse, of Nice, France, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on April 18, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON THE COMET-MEDAL:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
HEBER D. CURTIS.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

January 26, 1918.

In June, 1917, the library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific was removed to the Suto Branch of the California State Library, at the corner of Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco. This action was the result of a special arrangement with the State Librarian whereby the latter assumes full care of our books—catalogs and shelves them and holds them for the use of our members and the general public, subject to the regulations of the State Library.

Our collection at present consists of 611 bound volumes and 4421 pamphlets and unbound publications upon astronomical subjects. These have been carefully indexed under the supervision of Miss Laura Steffens, the efficient Librarian of the Suto Branch, who has been most cordially helpful in reducing our papers to system and order.

With the purpose of making the books of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific the nucleus for a general astronomical collection, the management of the Suto Branch of the California State Library has caused its own works on astronomy to be incorporated with our books and the whole, at present, constitutes a special section devoted to that science. It is believed that this arrangement will prove of value, not only to our membership, but to all who desire to consult astronomical works.

It is hoped that a considerable portion of the revenues derived from the Alexander Montgomery Library Fund may, in future, be devoted to the purchase of new books. In view of the fact that this fund is now relieved of its former obligation to pay a pro rata of the office rental, it is believed that the sum of \$100 per annum may be used in this way. If this is done and if a renewed interest can be created among our members to build up this feature of the Society's work, our collection will soon take on a positive value to students of astronomy.

Under the authority of Board Resolution of April 6, 1917, the sum of \$190.49 has been expended during the past year for binding. The total number of bound volumes made up from the accumulated exchanges and loose papers on hand was 135.

It is gratifying to report that members may now find the books and papers of this Society comfortably housed in a large cheerful room, where they are accessible every day in the week, except Sundays, and where every facility will be extended for their use.

Respectfully submitted,
D. S. RICHARDSON, *Librarian.*

MR. C. S. CUSHING, Chairman of the Auditing and Finance Committee, reported that the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer had been examined and found correct.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. BENFIELD and COSTA, reported that they had examined and found correct the Treasurer's account of disbursements of the first Adolfo Stahl Lecture Fund.

Detailed Report of the Treasurer follows; same was read and approved:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JAN. 26, 1918. GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<i>Assets.</i>	
Twenty Bonds, estimated value.....	\$19,154.69
Cash as follows:	
Alvord Fund, in Savings Union B. & T. Co.....	400.39
Library Fund, in Security Sav. Bank.....	188.36
Bruce Medal Fund, in Mutual Bank.....	277.31
Life Mem. Fund, in Security Sav. Bank.....	395.53
Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund, Sav. U. Bank.....	36.36
Dolbeer Fund, in Union Trust Co. Bank.....	486.88
General Fund, in Donohoe-Kelly Bank.....	745.41
Total.....	\$21,684.93
<i>Liabilities, none.</i>	

CASH STATEMENT BY FUND

<i>William Alvord Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 384.87
Interests.....	490.52
	\$ 875.39
Cr. By transfers to General Fund.....	475.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 400.39
<i>The Montgomery Library Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 63.01
Interests.....	304.30
Adolfo Stahl Fund.....	121.05
	\$ 488.36
Cr. By transfers to General Fund.....	300.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 188.36
<i>The Bruce Medal Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 600.09
Interests.....	167.32
	\$ 777.31
Cr. By Purchase Liberty Bond.....	500.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 277.31
<i>Life Membership Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 121.07
15 members at \$50.00.....	750.00
Interests.....	114.46
	\$ 985.53
Cr. By Purchase Liberty Bond.....	\$500.00
Transfers to General Fund.....	90.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1917.....	\$ 395.53